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[INT FES 80-51]

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AGENCY: Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan which was prepared by the Pinelands Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Fagan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, 600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106, (215) 597-2334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department has prepared a final environmental impact statement on the environmental consequences of implementing the New Jersey Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. The 1.1 million acre Reserve is located in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Ocean Counties in southern New Jersey. The Plan was prepared in response to the requirements of section 502 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-625) which established the Pinelands National Reserve.

The Plan consists of policies and regulations designed to enhance the preservation and protection of the ecological, scenic, recreational, and public health values of the Pinelands.

The Notice of Availability for the draft environmental statement (INT DES 80-61) appeared in the **Federal Register** September 26, 1980 (45 FR 63944) and the required 45-day public review period ended November 10, 1980.

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for approving or disapproving the Comprehensive Management Plan at the Federal level. The Secretary's decision will take into account the provisions of section 502 of Pub. L. 95-625, and the findings of the environmental impact statement. Approval of the Plan would make available Federal grants for land acquisition in the Pinelands. The Secretary will make a decision on or after January 12, 1981. Comments received up to that date will be considered in the decision-making process. Copies of the final statement are available for inspection at the following locations:

A. County Planning Offices in Camden, Cumberland, Atlantic, Gloucester, Ocean, Burlington and Cape May Counties;

B. Offices of the Municipal Clerks in all Pinelands municipalities; and

C. The public and college libraries in the Pinelands municipalities, and selected college libraries outside of the Pinelands.

D. The following Federal agency offices:

- Federal Regional Council II, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1-102, New York, NY 10007
- Northeast Regional Office, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, 600 Arch Street, Room 9310, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- National Park Service, 143 South Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
- National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109
- Division of Federal Lands Planning, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Pension Building, 440 "G" Street, NW, Room 236, Washington, DC 20243
- Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Main Interior Building, 18th & "C" Streets, NW, Room 3045, Washington, DC 20240
- Office of the Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Absecon, NJ 08201

Single copies may be obtained by writing to the Regional Director, Northeast Regional Office, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, 600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Dated: December 4, 1980.

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